
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2020

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Empower Rural Iowa Housing Needs Assessment Grant Program — SWJCF

Purpose and History

The Empower Rural Iowa Housing Needs Assessment Grant Program appropriation is made from the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF) to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to provide small communities with hard data and housing-related information specific to the community being analyzed.

Information on initial recommendations from the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative can be found [here](#).

Funding

The appropriation was first made for FY 2020 through the SWJCF with the 2019 enactment of [SF 608](#) (FY 2020 Economic Development Appropriations Act). Any unexpended funds appropriated to the IEDA from the SWJCF for Housing Needs Assessment Grants are available for expenditure in the following fiscal year.

In 2013, the 85th General Assembly enacted [HF 604](#) (FY 2014 Education Appropriations Act), section 31, which established the SWJCF in new Iowa Code section [8.75](#) as a separate fund in the State treasury. The Fund centralizes funding for job creation, job training, and job learning opportunities.

The 85th General Assembly also enacted [HF 638](#) (Infrastructure Appropriations Act), section 30, which established a standing limited appropriation of \$66.0 million in wagering tax receipts from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the SWJCF (Iowa Code section [8.57\(5\)\(f\)\(1\)\(d\)](#)). The new funding replaced approximately \$16.2 million in General Fund appropriations and \$15.0 million in RIIF appropriations that were being used for some of the programs. Beginning with FY 2019, the standing limited appropriation to the SWJCF is \$63.8 million.

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